accordance with the provisions of Section 529A of Companies Act, 1956.

(x) RBI had recently held meeting with the official of State Bank of India and concerns regarding high level of Bank NPAs were conveyed to them. The Bank has indicated that with the recovery in economic activities in recent months, the NPAs position is expected to improve.

Banks without Chairman

1284. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minster of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of Public Sector Banks which are still without its Chairman alongwith the reasons for keeping those posts vacant; and

(b) by when, these are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) At present the post of Chairman and Managing Director is vacant in Canara Bank, Bank of Baroda, UCO Bank, Dena Bank and Punjab National Bank. Action has already been initiated to fill up these vacancies.

Alternative scheme for distribution of Central Taxes recommended by 10th Finance Commission

1285. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minster of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 10th Finance Commission has recommended for alternative scheme for distribution of Central Taxes to the States at enhanced share;

(b) if so, whether State Government have desired distribution of enhanced share during year 2000-01; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government has approved in principle the Alternative Scheme of devolution of Central Taxes recommended by the Tenth Finance Commission subject to certain modifications. The enabling Constitution Amendment Bill is being introduced in the Lok Sabha.